

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 24, lines 9-14, with the following amended paragraph:

The culture medium in which the hybridoma cells are cultured can then be assayed for the presence of monoclonal antibodies directed against *patched-2*. Preferably, the binding specificity of monoclonal antibodies produced by the hybridoma cells is determined by immunoprecipitation or by an *in vitro* binding assay, such as radioimmunoassay (RIA) or enzyme-linked immunoabsorbent assay (ELISA). Such techniques and assays are known in the art. The binding affinity of the monoclonal antibody can, for example, be determined by the Scatchard analysis of Munson and Pollard, *Anal. Biochem.*, 107:220 (1980).